



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY DENTAL COMMAND  
2050 WORTH ROAD  
FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS 78234-6000



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MEMORANDUM FOR All U.S. Army Dental Command Personnel

SUBJECT: U.S. Army Dental Command (DENCOM) Policy Letter 05-37, Loupes Purchase Guidance

1. Background:
  - a. The HPSP program purchases loupes for HPSP students only when the loupes are required as part of the course curriculum and all students are required to have them.
  - b. Historically and currently, DENTACs are responsible for purchasing (from their core budget dollars) loupes for any new Active Duty dentists.
2. All loupes purchases will remain a local activity purchase (the only exception is 1a. above).
3. Custom Loupes will be purchased for Active Duty and GS Dentists ONLY.
4. Funding guidance for purchase of loupes is as follows:
  - a. Only one set of custom loupes will be purchased for an active duty or GS dentist. Exceptions maybe made in the event that the loupes were stolen. A police report or other official documentation must be presented to substantiate the theft.
  - b. Replacement lenses maybe purchased when the provider's prescription changes. Individual must provide a valid prescription from an authorized optometrist.
  - c. Activated Reservists: Custom Loupes will be purchased on a case by case basis for Army Reservists who have or will be activated for a minimum of 1 year and will be stationed at a TDA facility.
  - d. Current contract verbiage prohibits DENTACs from purchasing custom loupes for contract dentists. Additionally, DENTACs are not authorized to purchase loupes for hygienists, 91EX2 or EFDAs.
  - e. Less costly alternatives, e.g. jeweler's loupes, may be considered for staff members not authorized custom loupes. The local DENTAC would be responsible for the cost of any purchases made for these staff members (again, no purchases authorized for contract providers).
5. POC for this guidance is Dental Consultant, DSN 471-8241.

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